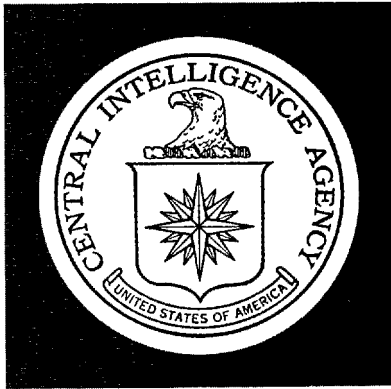


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The new chief of the civilian security directorate, which is equivalent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has a long record of terrorist and Communist activity. The proposed deputy chief of the national police intelligence unit has twice been expelled from the police force for Communist activity.

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In his personalistic exercise of power, Velasco rates the supposed loyalty of his subordinates above any other qualifying factor. The President's moves since taking office on 1 September indicate a repetition of the [redacted] that led to his ouster from the presidency on three previous occasions. [redacted]

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